

REMARKS

Applicant's attorney gratefully acknowledges the courtesies extended to him by the Examiner Strimbu during the interview in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on November 24, 2004, at which time the present application was extensively discussed.

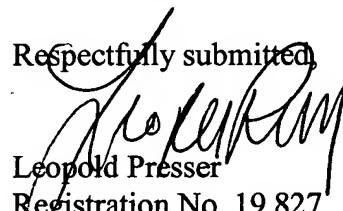
During the interview, applicants indicated that the present invention is being restricted to an automotive seal wherein the internal or third section piece 7, 10, 11 consist of an elastically formable readily material having a hardness of between about 30 to 35 Shore A, and wherein the pressurized medium is a non-compressible liquid, which is conveyed into the interior of the third section piece. This type of non-compressible liquid enables, during operation of the motor vehicle, to cause the interior seal formed by the third section piece to contact the inner wall of the outer seal structure in a surface contacting manner, thereby ensuring a superior sealing effect and concurrently also reducing the transmission of any noise which may be encountered by the interior of the motor vehicle, which is due to external or environmental operating conditions.

The prior art, as also discussed with the Examiner, only relates to air being supplied in certain instance, whereas the primary reference of record, which is applicant's own earlier U.S. Patent No. 6,677,020, provides only open sealing structures and is not capable of being pressurized in any manner. Moreover, the Clark, et al. and Mueller U.S. Patents are only limited to different types of seals using air as a pressure medium.

Accordingly, in order to further emphasize the foregoing, the claims in the present amendment, which supplements the Amendment dated November 17, 2004, are deemed to clearly and patentably distinguish over the art, irrespective as to whether the latter is considered singly or in combination, and in view of the foregoing, the early issuance of the Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

However, in the event that the Examiner has any queries concerning the instantly submitted Amendment, applicant's attorney respectfully requests that he be accorded the courtesy of possibly a telephone conference to discuss any matters in need of attention.

Respectfully submitted,



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